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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF RICHMOND COUNTY HELD SHELLIVAN

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT FOR THE JULY TERM 2021

The Grand Jury having returned the attached general presentment for the July

Term 2021, and the same having been reviewed and accepted by the Court on

September 14, 2021, it is now,

ORDERED that the said presentment shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of

Superior Court for Richmond County, and that it shall be published once in the Augusta

Chronicle, the legal gazette for said County; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the said general presentment shall be posted by the

Director of Information Technology on the Augusta-Richmond County website for public

access through the Internet (World Wide Web).

It is so ORDERED this 14th day of September 2021.

Jesse Stone

Superior Court Judge Augusta Judicial Circuit TO:

The Honorable Jesse C. Stone

Judge, Superior Court

FROM:

Richmond County Grand Jury

July Term 2021

DATE:

September 14, 2021

RE:

Grand Jury Presentment

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HATTIE HOLHES SULLIVAN CLERK. RICHHOND CO.GA

We, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County Grand Jury for the July Term 2021, having been duly sworn by the Honorable James G. Blanchard on the 19th day of July 2021, submit our presentment on the 14th day of September, 2021, our last day as an official body of the Grand Jury.

To discharge our sworn duties, as prescribed by the laws of the State of Georgia, we met on six (6) dates during our term and acted upon Bills of Indictments presented to us by the District Attorney's Office.

A Sub-Committee was formed to inspect the Charles B. Webster Detention Center. The applicable report is attached.

The Grand Jury respectfully submits this Presentment on the 14th day of September 2021 and requests that it is published.

Florence Martin, Foreperson

Watha Alston Hooper, Asst. Foreperson

Judith Miller Smith, Secretary

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Michael Reid Buchanan

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Ashanti M. Hart, Alternate	Chakara R. Murray, Alternate

SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE August 2021 TERM GRAND JURY

Grand Jury Visit to the County Jail

The visit to the Jail by the Grand Jury was conducted on August 31, 2021. The tour of the facility started with the guard entry. The protocols used throughout the facility provides security and safety for both the guards, visitors, and the inmates. The committee was invited to the employee and guest's conference room where we were briefed on the many procedures and protocols of the jail. Then we visited the central hub of the jail. All floors and walls in of the corridors and cells were very clean and well maintained. The kitchen was not open due to Covid restrictions, but bag lunches were offered to our committee for lunch (which we denied). The facilities provide medical needs for 1200 plus inmates (which is overcrowded) currently, basic GED classes, interior laundry and a type of store system. The intake area was well staffed, and the personal effects of inmate's treated with respect. During the visit, all questions about the facility and procedures were answered to the satisfaction of the Grand Jury. The Grand Jury was satisfied with the conditions of the facility and services provided, but we found that because the jail employees are understaffed, that active recruitment is needed to employ more workers and higher pay is needed to be offered to attract employees. We also found that the old part of the jail needs some serious upgrade in upgrading the doors, lights, locks, and electronic system to provide adequate accommodations for the housing and care of jail inmates of Richmond County.

Respectfully submitted,
Florence Martin
Watha Alston-Hooper
James Morris
Jeremiah Colon